

BUILD SKILLS

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LITERARY ANALYSIS

Narrative accounts tell the story of events that really happened. Many narrative accounts tell about history.

- Firsthand accounts are written by people who lived through important historical events.
- Firsthand accounts can be subjective, or influenced by the writer's personal feelings.
- Secondhand accounts are written by people who have gathered information about an event. However, these writers did not actually experience the events themselves.

John Smith and William Bradford both provide firsthand observations in their narrative accounts.

READING STRATEGY

Breaking down sentences can help you understand sentences that are long and complicated.

- Look at one section of the sentence at a time. Separate the most important parts of the sentence from any difficult language.
- Use punctuation to help you decide where to break sentences into smaller parts.
- Use a chart like this one to help you break down sentences and figure out their meaning.

